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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

the Specification of which
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_____ was filed on _____ as
Application No. _____
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Office information of which I am aware which is material to patentability. Such information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record in the application, and (1) it establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a *prima facie* case of unpatentability of a claim; or (2) it refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in: (i) opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or (ii) asserting an argument of patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any corresponding foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

Country	Application No.	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
AUSTRALIA	PP 6427	08.10.98	Yes [✓] No []

AUSTRALIA	PQ 0806	08.06.99	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty, as stated above, to disclose material information, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, relating to events which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status)

I hereby designate as my mailing address the office of:

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And I hereby appoint each of the following attorneys, all of whom are associated with Watts, Hoffmann, Fisher & Heinke Co., L.P.A. (Telephone No. 216/241-6700), as attorney of record to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith: Thomas E. Fisher, Reg. No. 18,271; Lowell L. Heinke, Reg. No. 19,471; James G. Watterson, Reg. No. 20,180; Linn J. Raney, Reg. No. 23,078; John R. Hlavka, Reg. No. 29,076; Stephen J. Schultz, Reg. No. 29,108; Richard A. Sharpe, Reg. No. 34,722; George L. Pinchak, 37,697; Paul A. Serbinowski, 34,429; Kenneth J. Smith, Reg. No. 45,115, Jennifer N. Hinton, Reg. No. P-47,653 and William A. Johnston, Reg. No. P-47,687.

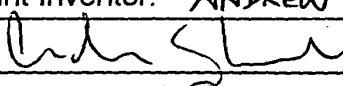
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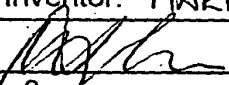
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I hereby further designate and appoint any officer of Watts, Hoffmann, Fisher & Heinke Co., L.P.A. my attorney in fact with full power of substitution and revocation, including power to designate a substitute principal attorney.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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